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Dr. Ahmed Ogwel currently serves as the first Deputy Director at the Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention. In this capacity, he works closely with governments and other partners to safeguard the health and wellbeing of African nations. Dr. Ogwel is a well-respected expert in public health with over 25 years of experience in different settings ranging from the national government, NGOs, to the United Nations system, and the AU. His area of expertise includes response to health emergencies, prevention, and control of non-communicable diseases (NCDs), influencing health policy, and global health diplomacy.

Originally from Kenya, Dr. Ogwel founded both the Office for International Health Relations and the department for NCDs at the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Kenya. Internationally, Dr. Ogwel is recognized for leading negotiations for the Tobacco Control Treaty and contributing to the implementation of the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control particularly in the African continent. He was also one of the pioneers of the intergovernmental working group on Public Health, Innovation, and Intellectual Property in Africa. Dr. Ogwel is a pan Africanist at heart and a firm believer in the power of leveraging international experience to find local solutions tailored to local challenges.